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For Immediate Release

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June 7, 2017

Governor Greitens Announces Pro-Life Special Session

Today, Governor Eric Greitens announced his plan to call the legislature back for a special session to protect the lives of the innocent unborn and protect women's health. The session will focus on protecting pregnancy resource centers and proposals for common-sense health and safety standards in abortion clinics.

Governor Greitens explained his announcement in a [Facebook video](#), stating:

"I'm pro-life, and I believe that we need to defend life and promote a culture of life here in the state of Missouri.

For me, that comes from the work I've done. I've worked with kids in Cambodia who'd lost limbs to land mines and who were survivors of polio. Children of the street in Bolivia, and children who were orphaned because of war and genocide.

I also saw the value of true love and compassion in one of Mother Theresa's homes

for the destitute and dying. I saw the power of faith leaders who stood up and affirmed that every life had value and worth.

Our faith community and volunteers do incredible work to support people in need. And there's few finer examples than the work pregnancy care centers do across our state.

These charitable organizations and community groups work with pregnant women and new moms. They offer newborn children food and clothing, offer free pre-natal care and ultrasounds, and help find women find housing and even pay for utilities. They help with adoption when needed, and protect women from domestic abuse. They even do job training and help women find jobs to support their new families.

In the city of St. Louis, some of these pregnancy care centers are under attack. There's a new city law making St. Louis an abortion sanctuary city—where pregnancy care centers can't work the way they're supposed to. Politicians are trying to make it illegal, for example, for pro-life organizations to say that they just want to hire pro-life Missourians.

The Senate had a bill to address this during the session—but they failed to act. We're calling a special session to support the people doing this vital work to help women and children.

I also believe that we should have common-sense health and safety standards in all medical facilities. A court decision from earlier this year weakened our state's health standards in abortion clinics. So, we're also proposing some basic, common-sense standards to keep Missourians safe.

We're proposing, for example, that abortion clinics should have an annual safety inspection.

We're proposing that these clinics should have a plan for complications.

And we're proposing a fix that will stop abortion clinics from interfering with emergency responders. If a woman needs help, abortion clinics shouldn't be able to tell an ambulance to come slowly--to not use their lights and sirens--or to go around to the back gate, just because they are worried that an ambulance arriving might make their abortion clinic look bad.

I'm proud to support life—the lives of mothers, their children, and the innocent unborn. It's an honor to serve you, have a great day and God Bless."

The announcement of this special session has been praised by pro-life and faith leaders from around the state.

"Gov. Greitens won the Governor's race having made a strong commitment to pro-life initiatives and now, he's working to deliver on those promises. We thank him for

calling back the Missouri state legislature to address the health and safety of women inside abortion facilities and to undo the chilling action taken by the city of St. Louis to declare the city an ‘abortion sanctuary,’” said Susan B. Anthony List President Marjorie Dannenfelser. “The Greitens administration recently moved to enforce a longstanding law requiring abortion businesses to report abortion emergencies resulting in women being removed from the facility by ambulance. Local pro-life activists in St. Louis have observed women being taken away by ambulance at least 66 times since 2009. Clearly, Gov. Greitens understands the urgency here and that the lives of women and children are on the line. We urge the state legislature to address these matters quickly.”

“Missouri Right to Life is grateful for Governor Greitens and his commitment to protecting women and unborn babies. Governor Greitens has made a call for special session that would allow legislators to pass a life-saving bill to protect women, unborn babies and reaffirm our religious liberties so that Pregnancy Resource Centers and Faith Communities from all denominations are not forced to participate in abortion. While these bills failed to pass during the regular session, Governor Greitens has stepped forward to bring them back for passage by the pro-life majorities in our House and Senate. We look forward to working with Governor Greitens and the legislature during this special call to session,” said Susan Klein, Legislative Liaison for Missouri Right to Life.

“This is an appropriate action by Governor Greitens. It is urgently needed because the lives of innocent children are at stake and cannot wait for the next regular session. It is prudently needed as a matter of precedence that municipalities should not be attempting to thwart constitutionally guaranteed liberties,” said Dr. John Yeats, executive director of the Missouri Baptist Convention, the state’s largest non-Catholic religious body.

“We are very grateful that Governor Greitens has called lawmakers back into special session to protect Missouri’s pro-life maternity homes and pregnancy resource centers from being forced to participate in abortion,” said Samuel Lee, director of Campaign Life Missouri and a long-time pro-life advocate at the State Capitol. “It was unconscionable for the City of St. Louis to pass an ordinance that could impose jail time on directors of alternatives-to-abortion agencies who decline to pay for employee abortions, or to impose fines on pregnancy center operators who refuse to hire “pro-choice” employees who would end up referring clients for abortions. Based on the votes during the regular session, we know that state lawmakers overwhelmingly support protecting the conscience rights of pregnancy centers and faith-based organizations, and ending the madness caused by abortion advocates in St. Louis.”

The special legislative session will begin on Monday, June 12th.

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Capitol Report for 77th District

SENATE PASSES ABORTION BILL AFTER LONG NEGOTIATIONS

After a long day of behind-the-scenes maneuvering, the Senate on June 15 voted 20-8 in favor of legislation to impose additional regulations on abortion facilities and allow discrimination against women based on their reproductive decisions. The bill advances to the House of Representatives, which is expected to debate the measure June 20.

The Senate was scheduled to convene at 9 a.m. on June 14 but didn't do so until 7:30 p.m. After just a half-hour of debate, the Senate took another two-hour break before returning to quickly grant the bill preliminary approval with little discussion. The Senate later took a final vote on the measure in the early morning hours of June 15.

Instead of the scheduled public debate, the day was consumed with closed-door negotiations that resulted in the bill's original Republican sponsor being dumped in an intra-party dispute and an extensive rewrite of the measure so that it could both win the support of majority Republicans while giving minority Democrats sufficient concessions to avoid a filibuster. In the end, Democrats opposed the bill but didn't attempt to block it.

A primary provision of the bill seeks to invalidate a St. Louis City ordinance enacted in February that prohibits employers or landlords from discriminating against women who are pregnant, use contraception or have had an abortion. Other provisions seek to increase regulations on abortion clinics and grant the attorney general the authority to initiate prosecutions for alleged violations of abortion regulations. Prosecutorial decisions typically are made at the sole discretion of county prosecutors, with the attorney general's office primarily doing only appellate work in criminal cases.

Gov. Eric Greitens called lawmakers into a special session on abortion after similar legislation failed to pass during this year's regular session.

Critics from both parties called the governor's action an abuse of the special session provision, which under the state constitution is only supposed to be invoked on "extraordinary occasions." Some critics contend the special session is primarily for Greitens to establish political credibility with anti-abortion groups after he was the only one of the four Republican gubernatorial candidates last year who wasn't endorsed by Missouri Right to Life.

Special legislative sessions cost taxpayers roughly \$25,000 for each day both chambers are in full session. Actual costs are less, however, on days when only one chamber meets.

PAROLE OFFICIAL RESIGNS FOR TOYING WITH INMATES

Missouri Probation and Parole Board Member Don Ruzicka resigned under pressure on June 12, days after a previously secret investigative report became public revealing that he and another official repeatedly played games during parole hearings in which they tried to work song titles or unusual words, such as "hootenanny" or "platypus," into their questioning of inmates. The men awarded each other points for using the predetermined titles or words, with double points given if the inmate repeated them.

The Office of the Inspector General of the Missouri Department of Corrections issued its report on Nov. 1 concluding that Ruzicka and the other man, a parole analyst whose name was redacted from the public version of the report, engaged in unprofessional conduct. The report only became public after the Roderick and Solange MacArthur Justice Center, a civil rights and social justice advocacy group, obtained a copy and released it to the media on June 8.

Corrections officials initially defended the two men, who admitted to the game-playing. In an interview with the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, parole board Chairman Kenny Jones called them "very credible members who take their job seriously." Corrections Director Anne Precythe said: "We have a very good parole board that is very conscientious about the decisions they make when it comes to the hearings they hold." After their antics became public, two Democratic lawmakers, House Minority Leader Gail McCann Beatty of Kansas City and state Sen. Jamilah Nasheed of St. Louis, separately wrote to Gov. Eric Greitens, a Republican, asking him to fire them. It remains unknown if the unidentified parole analyst who played the game with Ruzicka has been disciplined.



***Special Session Will Do
Nothing to Improve the Quality of Life for Missourians***

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – As the Missouri General Assembly returns for another extraordinary session, State Representative Steven Roberts is making it clear that the pro-life issues the governor has asked the legislature to address will do nothing to help the people of Missouri. Roberts said the focus of the special session is aimed at disparaging a Planned Parenthood organization that does much more than just provide abortions.

Roberts recently held a town hall meeting where he discussed the issues of the special session with his constituents. He said a 90-year-old woman from North St. Louis shared her concerns that women would turn to more dangerous options for birth control if the state continues to work to shut down Planned Parenthood.

"We had a great discussion on the issue and talked about how abortion is only one of many services provided by Planned Parenthood. While the abortion topic is always associated with Planned Parenthood, the truth is the organization has only one location in the state that offers abortion services," said Roberts, D-St. Louis.

District Map



Crime Prevention Summit Reaffirms Need for Substantive Criminal Justice Reform

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – State Representative Steven Roberts said the recent North Newstead Association Crime Prevention Summit highlighted the need for substantive criminal justice reform to address the rampant crime problem in St. Louis. Roberts noted that the city has already seen more than 75 homicides this year, and said the state needs to take a multi-faceted approach to help address the growing problem.

"When I found out about the North Newstead Association Crime Prevention Summit, I knew I wanted to be a part of even though I had already scheduled a town hall meeting about criminal justice reform for the 77th District. As a prosecutor for St. Louis City I witnessed the impact of crime on the victims, the families, and our neighborhoods. I couldn't continue to watch. I was motivated to action. That is why I ran for state representative. I wanted to be a part of the solution," said Roberts, D-St. Louis.

He added, "We have to do something to make a difference. There is no single solution for crime, and instead requires a multi-step approach. Education is one of the first steps. That is why I sponsored legislation to restart the youth challenge program and co-sponsored the adult high schools bill."

Roberts shared his desire to restart the Youth Challenge Academy to offer a 17 ½ month military-based training program consisting of a 22-week Residential Phase and a one-year Post-Residential Phase. The core components of the program would include Academic Excellence, Physical Fitness, Leadership/Followership, Responsible Citizenship, Job Skills, Service to the Community, Health and Hygiene, and Life-Coping Skills. Eligible participants would be high school dropouts between 16 and 18 years of age.

Participants could not exceed 18 years of age on the first day of the Residential Phase of the program. Participants would also need to be unemployed or underemployed, drug-free, not on parole or probation for other than juvenile status offenses, not awaiting sentencing, and not under indictment, charged, or convicted of a crime that is considered a felony when charged as an adult.

Roberts said the program is not meant to be used by courts as an alternative to sentencing.

"As a prosecutor a defendant explained to me he felt his choices were slim to none. He shared with me how he was 26 years old and didn't know how to read," said Roberts. "He was trying to figure out how to provide for his ten-year-old son. This story inspired me to co-sponsor the adult high school legislation, which is waiting to be signed into law by the governor."

Roberts was not the only member of the Missouri House of Representative there to participate in the conversation about crime prevention. [Senator Jamilah Nasheed](#) was in attendance, as were House members from neighboring St. Louis city districts - [Representative Michael Butler](#), [Representative Bruce Franks](#), and [Representative Joshua Peters](#).

The 'Mow to Own' Program is a 'sweat equity' program where residents may take immediate ownership of a vacant lot that is located next to an occupied residential property that they own, for a nominal fee. Participants must agree to continually maintain the lot, including regular mows and debris removal, for twenty-four months. The LRA Board of Commissioners must approve each transaction. Following approval by the Board of Commissioners, the successful applicant will

receive a deed to the property with a maintenance lien, allowing the property to be reacquired by LRA should the applicant fail to maintain the lot. After twenty-four months, if there are no findings of violation from the City's Forestry Division and no complaints, LRA will remove the maintenance lien and the owner will own the property.

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From Bramlett, Chris **Date** Monday, June 19, 2017 6:05 PM
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**House Committee on Children and Families
6/19/2017**

Today the House Committee on Children and Families convened to hear public testimony and hold executive session on *WATCH*SB 5.

ATTENDANCE: Reps. Franklin, Neely, Meredith, Barnes, Cookson, Justus, Moon, Newman, Ruth, Stacy, and Walker were present.

PUBLIC HEARING:***WATCH*SB 5 (Koenig) – Modifies several provisions relating to abortion.**

Sen. Koenig explained that his bill addresses recent court cases related to the regulation of abortion and also investigative findings related to shortcomings in the reconciliation of pathology reports from abortion facilities. Additionally, Sen. Koenig stated the bill will grant the Attorney General (AG) jurisdiction over state abortion laws and address the St. Louis City ordinance related to discrimination for women's health choices. Sen. Koenig stated his bill would protect the free speech rights of alternatives-to-abortion agencies.

Rep. Newman stated the separation of ambulatory surgical centers (ASCs) and abortion facilities is merely intended to circumvent the current injunction on Missouri abortion law. Rep. Koenig stated that separating the two would enable regulations to be more specifically drafted to address concerns with each facility type. Rep. Newman asked if pathology reports are required for every type of tissue removed during a medical procedure, such as a gull bladder. Rep. Koenig stated he believed they were required.

Rep. Meredith asked if a minor discrepancy with paperwork would trigger an inspection. Rep. Koenig stated the department would first contact the facility and try to figure out the reason for the discrepancy. Sen. Koenig stated it is a legitimate concern if the pathology reports do not reconcile because if any products of conception remained within the woman there would be a serious health risk. Rep. Koenig stated the facility would be allowed to fix the discrepancy prior to inspection – the amount of time they are granted would be up to the department.

Rep. Moon expressed concerns related to the title and original purpose of the bill. Sen. Koenig stated that all the provisions are related to abortion and noted that similar procedures are used for many other bills. Rep. Moon asked if there was any chance that the provisions could be separated out into multiple bills. Sen. Koenig stated that was not likely.

Rep. Cookson asked about the penalty for noncompliance with the provisions related to pathology reports. Sen. Koenig stated it would be determined by the department. Rep. Cookson asked if Sen. Koenig felt comfortable entrusting the department with determining the penalty. Sen. Koenig stated that he did feel comfortable, but specified that he was referring to the department under the current administration.

Rep. Walker expressed concerns with the confidentiality of patient records as it relates to the tissue report to be submitted to the general assembly. Sen. Koenig stated the bill specifically prohibits the report from containing identifying information as provided under applicable state and federal law, such as Health Insurance Portability and Accountability (HIPAA) law. Rep. Walker expressed concerns that the provision related to Board Bill 203 may impact a local school districts' decisions related to allowing/not allowing certain parties to come in and provide sex education. Sen. Koenig stated that the bill would not affect any contracts that local school districts hold with such parties and noted that freedom of speech does not grant anyone the right to walk into a school and teach whatever they want.

Rep. Ruth noted that other industries are required to submit to unannounced inspections, such as restaurants, nursing homes, day cares, etc. Sen. Koenig stated that announced inspections may not represent the true day-to-day operations of a facility.

Proponents:

Susan Klein – Missouri Right to Life

- Klein stated that there have been concerns with ambulance calls to the St. Louis Planned Parenthood facility and problems with reconciling pathology reports need to be addressed. Klein stated that the body needs to enact these requirements in order to determine if the sale of baby body parts occurs in Missouri. Klein stated that the *Hellerstedt* decision does not prevent states from regulating abortion.

Samuel Lee – Campaign Life Missouri

- Lee stated that titles of bills can be changed and that additional issues can be added as long as the original purpose is met. Regarding confidentiality, Lee stated that in other reports, information that would identify the patient, facility, or physician are not included in order to protect privacy. Lee stated that requirements related to abortion pathology reports were upheld by *Planned Parenthood v. Ashcroft* because they were deemed to address health related concerns. Rep. Barnes stated that Missouri has lost several recent cases related to challenges brought based on the original purpose clause.

Tyler McClay – Missouri Catholic Conference

- McClay clarified that the St. Louis Archdiocese did not obtain all of the specific exemptions they sought during the drafting of Board Bill 203, which is why they filed suit.

Lance Kinzer – First Amendment Partnership

- Kinzer stated he was concerned the St. Louis ordinance isolates and targets the faith-based community's right to freedom of association. Kinzer stated that no one should be forced to violate their conscious. Rep. Newman and Kinzer debated whether or not it is appropriate for a state legislature to preempt a political subdivision.

Opponents:

Dr. Rachel Zigler – OBGYN in St. Louis, MO

- Dr. Zigler stated that alternatives-to-abortion agencies should not be able to operate freely without regulation; they do not counsel women based on medical standards. Rep. Newman questioned why the general assembly would need to be provided pathology reports related to abortions and what benefit there would be to women's health.
- Rep. Franklin asked how long it typically took Dr. Zigler to receive a pathology report after the tissue had been sent. Dr. Zigler stated in a hospital setting the time ranged from within three days to up to a week and a half.
- Rep. Stacy noted that other medical specialties have been regulated as problems come to the attention of the general assembly – not just abortion.
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**House Committee on Children and Families
6/19/2017**

Today the House Committee on Children and Families convened to hear public testimony and hold executive session on ***WATCH*SB 5**.

ATTENDANCE: Reps. Franklin, Neely, Meredith, Barnes, Cookson, Justus, Moon, Newman, Ruth, Stacy, and Walker were present.

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Sen. Koenig explained that his bill addresses recent court cases related to the regulation of abortion and also investigative findings related to shortcomings in the reconciliation of pathology reports from abortion facilities. Additionally, Sen. Koenig stated the bill will grant the Attorney General (AG) jurisdiction over state abortion laws and address the St. Louis City ordinance related to discrimination for women's health choices. Sen. Koenig stated his bill would protect the free speech rights of alternatives-to-abortion agencies.

Rep. Newman stated the separation of ambulatory surgical centers (ASCs) and abortion facilities is merely intended to circumvent the current injunction on Missouri abortion law. Rep. Koenig stated that separating the two would enable regulations to be more specifically drafted to address concerns with each facility type. Rep. Newman asked if pathology reports are required for every type of tissue removed during a medical procedure, such as a gull bladder. Rep. Koenig stated he believed they were required.

Rep. Meredith asked if a minor discrepancy with paperwork would trigger an inspection. Rep. Koenig stated the department would first contact the facility and try to figure out the reason for the discrepancy. Sen. Koenig stated it is a legitimate concern if the pathology reports do not reconcile because if any products of conception remained within the woman there would be a serious health risk. Rep. Koenig stated the facility would be allowed to fix the discrepancy prior to inspection – the amount of time they are granted would be up to the department.

Rep. Moon expressed concerns related to the title and original purpose of the bill. Sen. Koenig stated that all the provisions are related to abortion and noted that similar procedures are used for many other bills. Rep. Moon asked if there was any chance that the provisions could be separated out into multiple bills. Sen. Koenig stated that was not likely.

Rep. Cookson asked about the penalty for noncompliance with the provisions related to pathology reports. Sen. Koenig stated it would be determined by the department. Rep. Cookson asked if Sen. Koenig felt comfortable entrusting the department with determining the penalty. Sen. Koenig stated that he did feel comfortable, but specified that he was referring to the department under the current administration.

Rep. Walker expressed concerns with the confidentiality of patient records as it relates to the tissue report to be submitted to the general assembly. Sen. Koenig stated the bill specifically prohibits the report from containing identifying information as provided under applicable state and federal law, such as Health Insurance Portability and Accountability (HIPAA) law. Rep. Walker expressed concerns that the provision related to Board Bill 203 may impact a local school districts' decisions related to allowing/not allowing certain parties to come in and provide sex education. Sen. Koenig stated that the bill would not affect any contracts that local school districts hold with such parties and noted that freedom of speech does not grant anyone the right to walk into a school and teach whatever they want.

Rep. Ruth noted that other industries are required to submit to unannounced inspections, such as restaurants, nursing homes, day cares, etc. Sen. Koenig stated that announced inspections may not represent the true day-to-day operations of a facility.

Proponents:

Susan Klein – Missouri Right to Life

- Klein stated that there have been concerns with ambulance calls to the St. Louis Planned Parenthood facility and problems with reconciling pathology reports need to be addressed. Klein stated that the body needs to enact these requirements in order to determine if the sale of baby body parts occurs in Missouri. Klein stated that the *Hellerstedt* decision does not prevent states from regulating abortion.

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- Lee stated that titles of bills can be changed and that additional issues can be added as long as the original purpose is met. Regarding confidentiality, Lee stated that in other reports, information that would identify the patient, facility, or physician are not included in order to protect privacy. Lee stated that requirements related to abortion pathology reports were upheld by *Planned Parenthood v. Ashcroft* because they were deemed to address health related concerns. Rep. Barnes stated that Missouri has lost several recent cases related to challenges brought based on the original purpose clause.

Tyler McClay – Missouri Catholic Conference

- McClay clarified that the St. Louis Archdiocese did not obtain all of the specific exemptions they sought during the drafting of Board Bill 203, which is why they filed suit.

Lance Kinzer – First Amendment Partnership

- Kinzer stated he was concerned the St. Louis ordinance isolates and targets the faith-based community's right to freedom of association. Kinzer stated that no one should be forced to violate their conscious. Rep. Newman and Kinzer debated whether or not it is appropriate for a state legislature to preempt a political subdivision.

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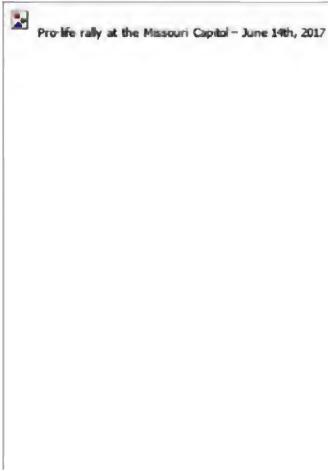
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MO Special session on abortion inspires rallies from both sides of controversial issue

JUNE 15, 2017 BY JASON TAYLOR

Dueling rallies on both sides of the abortion issue were present at the Missouri Capitol during the second special session called by Governor Greitens Wednesday.



The pro-life gathering in the mid-afternoon featured the governor himself, who electrified the crowd of roughly 200 people with his remarks. Greitens had called for the rally to take place, just as he had the legislative session.

Police presence at the pro-life rally was heavy, and at least two people were escorted out of the building for disrupting the event. One of them left a backpack behind, which was quickly inspected to

reveal a collection of harmless books.

The pro-life rally drew a singularly focused crowd, many of them dressed in red t-shirts emblazoned with phrases promoting the cause. Among the speakers, in addition to Governor Greitens, was Right to Life Legislative Liaison Susan Klein. A number of Republican lawmakers were also in attendance.

Samuel Lee of Campaign Life Missouri, like Klein, spent much of Tuesday and Wednesday testifying in committee hearings where the various abortion bills were being presented. Lee was not surprised that both sides of the abortion issue were out in force.

"I've been lobbying up here for over 32 years for pro-life" said Lee. "And I've always seen strong advocates for both sides come to Jefferson City to get their point of view across. And I think that's a good thing. I think it's a good thing for democracy. I think it's a good thing for government."

A deacon in the Catholic Archdiocese in St. Louis as well as a lobbyist, Lee is quick to point out that the success rate of pro-life legislation in Jefferson City is high. "A strong majority, basically two-thirds or more of our Missouri General Assembly is pro-life, and that's why we've had great success over the years passing good pro-life legislation."

While the pro-life rally was staged in the relatively compact third floor rotunda area of the Capitol, the pro-choice gathering in the late morning took place in the spacious first floor portion of the rotunda. The crowd was similar in size, if not slightly larger, with a hodge-podge of left leaning advocacy groups in attendance.

The organization Progress Missouri advertised the event as "a first-ever "People's Special Session" in response to Governor Greitens' call for an extreme, expensive, and unnecessary special session".

That sentiment was echoed by Bonyen Lee-Gilmore with Planned Parenthood of Great Plains. She said Greitens called the special session with personal gain in mind.



"This is a political theater staged in order to climb a political ladder that Governor Greitens is trying to climb in this city" said Lee-Gilmore. "It is not doing anything for taxpayers across the state."

Jeffrey Mittman with the American Civil Liberties Union spent much of Tuesday and Wednesday testifying in committee hearings. His organization contends its one purpose is to defend constitutional rights.

Mittman contends the court decisions demonstrate that legislation to restrict abortion access is an infringement on women's rights.

"A legislature or a governor can claim whatever they want" said Mittman. "They can call things whatever they want. But the courts exist to look at the facts. And the facts are, too many legislatures are making

laws simply to harm women, and to make access to abortion more difficult."

The current special session called by Greitens is largely a response to federal court decisions that have struck down the state's abortion laws.

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